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## OURSELVES

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THE birth of a New Year is always an event for rejoicings. All look forward to a prosperous year more peaceful and profitable. This is the useful occasion when we send and receive greetings and good wishes expressing our feelings of joy, friendship and affection for each other. This is reciprocated equally fervently in response to such greetings.

Apart from friends and well-wishers, who are many, who have sent us such greetings, we have received one from the International Scout Bureau and the other from the World Association of Girl

Scouts and Girl Guides wishing a happy year and good Guiding and Scouting. We reproduce elsewhere these as they came to us.

There is one from the Bharat Scouts and Guides, India (New Delhi) which says, apart from, greetings to us of the Madras State, "the finest of the fine art is the art of living together", as indicative of the directions and hopes of the National Headquarters and the leaders that this should form the motto and the marching orders for the Year 1958.

It has been always pointed out not only by the Chief Scout of the

World, the late Lord Baden-Powell and the Chief Guide but also other leaders of the Movement that Scouting and Guiding teaches "The way of life"; in a sense, if it is rightly understood and lived, Scouting and Guiding is the true way of life. In another sense, the Scout Movement and Guide Movement is regarded as a game and in the playing of that game there should be present the joy and the spirit of adventure to enable the game to be played well. May we hope that by our strenuous and continuous service to our movement we will be able to advance the cause of our Organisation to a very high standard in the year 1958.

K. VENKATASWAMI NAIDU

*State Chief Commissioner*

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## THE MAYOR OF MADRAS

We welcome the election of Mrs. Tara Cherian as the Worshipful Mayor of Madras. In response to a letter by Mrs. D. L. Gopal Ratnam, State Commissioner—(Guides) sent to her on behalf of our Association congratulating her on her election as the Mayor of Madras, Mrs. Tara Cherian writes as follows:

"Dear Mrs. Ratnam,

I am most grateful to you for your kind message of congratulations on my election as the Mayor of Madras. With your blessings and good wishes, I hope my term of office will be useful to all.

Once again thanking you very much and with best wishes,

Yours sincerely,  
TARA CHERIAN

P.S. Kindly convey my thanks  
to the other Office-bearers also."

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# The Father I Knew

(BY HIS SON, PETER)

BEING the son of the Founder of Scouting, I have always found myself in somewhat unique position, for I was able from my earliest childhood to see him probably from a different angle than could anyone else. What sort of a man was he, the man whom only my two sisters and I could address as "Dad"? Even as a very small boy I subconsciously realised that he was a very famous man. Then, as the years passed and my own understanding grew, I gradually became aware of his greatness, and realised the true significance of the tremendous service he had rendered to mankind by the creation of the Scout and Guide Movements. I saw him too, as a man truly humble, yet full of those other fine qualities so often the attribute of great men.

Much has been written about my father by various people from time to time, so I want here simply to set down a few personal reminiscences which have never before been recorded.

I was born only a few months before the outbreak of the 1914-18 war, during which I did not see much of him, as he was fully occupied with the general organisation

of the Boy Scout movement during wartime conditions, running his Red Cross canteen at Etaples in France. From time to time he came home, first to Ewhurst Place in Sussex, where I was born, then later to little Mynthurst Farm in Surrey.

The war over, my parents set out on long cycle rides, exploring the countryside on house-hunting expeditions. On one such trip they found Black acre House, which, renamed Pax Hill, was soon to be our home for so many happy years. We moved on 19th January, 1919, my father chortling with happiness as we drove along the snow-covered roads in the old "Big Car"—the high angular, brass-lamped car (No. B.P. 717) which had been presented to my parents in 1912 as a wedding present from the Scouts of the World. Entering thoroughly into the adventure of moving house, my father lit the first fire in the drawing room. I did not then observe the Scout-like way in which he did so, with undoubtedly not more than two matches!

He often used to take us out in the car, or down to the river on fishing expeditions, or out on family picnics, and every trip, enjoyable in

itself, was always an occasion for many true yarns, all drawn from his long and adventurous life. Those stories, some already recounted in Scouting for Boys and elsewhere, could not help but arouse the interest and admiration of us youngsters. My imagination was always fired by my father's simple yet graphic description of his exploits in India, South Africa and many other parts of the world where he had seen military service. Little did I then realise that it was probably due to some of these thrilling incidents in his life that I found myself, years later, living and working in one of his favourite countries—Southern Rhodesia.

One particular event which stands out vividly in my mind was on the evening of my eighth birth day when my father himself enrolled me as a Wolf Cub, and in simple, kindly terms explained to me what it was all about. This inspired me greatly and from that day to this I have been deeply immersed in Scouting.

Before and during my early school days, I often suffered much agony of mind when my parents went off on long tours abroad. There were always in connection with Scouting and Guiding, though I was at first unable to grasp the significance of this. During their absence my

father wrote me from time to time, and his letters—often in amusing verse—were generally illustrated with humorous thumb-nail sketches, drawn in his inimitable way.

Afterwards, during my later school holidays, I well remember making several trips alone with my father on the Continent and elsewhere, and it was largely during these journeys that I came to know him even better than hitherto. I was able to observe his love of his fellow-men, his kindness and tolerance to everyone. His keen sense of humour, his artistic merit, and his sporting instincts were always to the fore.

When I was still in my early teens, my father wrote me a series of letters. He felt that he had not much longer to live, so wrote giving me fatherly advice. He instructed me to open the letters, one each year, on my birthday. Each envelope bore the appropriate date, corresponding to my slowly advancing years. This was typical of his deep understanding of the psychology of boyhood. The very wording of the letters showed how he had so cleverly attuned his thoughts to my growing teenage intellect. Actually he lived longer than he thought he would, so I cancelled all the letters together some time before his death.



I saw him for the last time in his chalet home in Kenya early in 1940, when my wife and I with our son (another Robert Baden-Powell) flew up from Southern Rhodesia on a month's leave. Only some three weeks before my father's death on 8th Jan. 41, he learnt of the birth of our second son, David Michael. I feel sure he must have died happy in the knowledge that not only had he two grandsons to carry on the name of Baden-Powell, but also that he had led such a full, active and useful life, and had

above all, created the finest youth movement the world has ever seen, a movement that grew far more during his own lifetime than he ever dreamed it would.

And nowadays, when I occasionally slip into Westminster Abbey and pause for a moment before that simple memorial stone surmounted by its crossed Scout and Guide flags, I offer up a short prayer in affectionate memory of "The Father I Knew".

BADEN POWELL

*From International Fellowship Bulletin.*

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## THE HEART'S GARDEN

The heart is a garden  
Where thought flowers grow ;  
The thoughts that we think  
Are seeds that we sow.  
Every kind, loving thought,  
Bears a kind, loving deed ;  
While a thought that is selfish  
Is just like a weed.  
We must watch what we think,  
Each minute, all day ;  
And pull out the weed thoughts  
And throw them away.  
And plant loving seed thoughts  
So thick in a row  
That there will not be room  
For weed thoughts to grow.

KATHERINE MERRILL

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# A. P. R. O. Part I - Chapter XIII

## CAMPS

365. (1) Scouters/Guiders are recommended to read Standard books on Scouts/Guides camping before they take their Scouts/Guides to camp.

(2) No Scouts should camp without the previous written permission of their D. C. and their parents or guardians.

(3) No Guides should camp without previous written permission of their D. C. and their parents or guardian and unless the Guider in charge is trained for camping.

(4) Scouts/Guides going on a week-end camp shall inform the D. C. previously.

(5) Cubs should not camp with Scouts and Bulbuls or Guides in any circumstance.

(6) It is desirable that Scouters/Guiders should ascertain from the parents that Scouts/Guides to be taken to camp are in good health. Scouts/Guides should not be taken to camp if they are suspected of any disease, or contract with infectious disease.

(7) Scouters/Guiders must undergo training in Camp Craft before they take Scouts/Guides to camp. Such training shall be included in the Preliminary Training Courses run for Scouters & Guiders. L.As. & D.Cs. should run

special courses if necessary, for such training in their areas.

366. (1) When Scouts/Guides propose to camp outside their own District, fourteen days notice must be given (form to be used) by the Scouter/Guider in charge to his/her D. C. who will inform the D. C. of the District to be visited. The D. C. of any District, in which a camp takes place, has control under Rule 129.

(2) Before leaving for camp the Scouter/Guider in charge must submit outline of the programme and the complete address of the camp to the D. C. and the L. A.

367. Parties of Scouts, Rovers, Guides or Rangers trekking or hiking through one or more Districts should give similar notice stating approximate dates.

38. If in any case, the name and address of the D. C. are not known, the D. C. can address the notice to the D. C. for the Districts where the notice is to be sent c/o S. H. Q. whence it will be forwarded immediately to the D. C. concerned.

369. To regulate the proper arrangements for treks and hikes, the use of appropriate

permit cards signed by the Scouter/Guider in charge is essential.

370. D. Cs must issue these cards only to Scouters/Guiders in charge of Groups, of whose experience they are satisfied. Scouters in charge must use the same discretion in issuing the cards to Patrol Leaders. Guide Patrol Leaders will not camp unless accompanied by a Guider.

371. (1) Scouts/Guides proposing to camp or travel outside their State in uniform must first obtain the sanction of S. H. Q. The application must be accompanied by a recommendation from the A. S. C., D. C. and L. A.

(2) Sanction will not be given to Cubs/Bulbuls to camp outside their State.

(3) Invitations to Scouts/Guides from other States to visit or camp in their own State must not be issued until sanction has been obtained from S. H. Q.

372. (1) Full Camp kit must be taken to camp by each Scout/Guide to ensure that each one's own equipment including blankets etc.

(2) Camp raiding is strictly prohibited.

373. The following rules in addition to Rule 365, 366, 368,

371 and 372 apply in the case of camps for Cubs/Bulbuls.

(1) Cubs/Bulbuls will camp only in permanent shelters other than canvas.

(2) In normal circumstances there should be at least one adult for every six Cubs/Bulbuls in camp. In no circumstances should a camp be held with less than two adults.

(3) C.M. or A.C.M., F.L. or A.F.L. who has not previously been in charge of a Cub/Bulbul camp or whose camp has been the subject of an unsatisfactory report, must obtain the preliminary permission of the D. C. at least two months before the proposed date of the camp and before any intimation of the camp has been given either to Cubs/Bulbul or their parents. The D. C. in any such case must not give permission unless she is satisfied that the C. M., (A. C. M.) or the F. L. (A. F. L.) as the case may be, has acquired the necessary knowledge and experience by having taken part for not less than three days in a well run Cub/Bulbul camp.

374. Rovers/Rangers, and Old Scouts/Guides camping in uniform must comply with the Rules 365 to 272.

## DISTRICTS AT WORK

### **CHINGLEPUT** **Scout Masters' Training** **Camp, Camp Tonakela,** **Avadi**

*26th Dec. '57 to 6th Jan. '58*

**T**HIRTY teachers drawn from the District Board and Aided Secondary Schools underwent a course of training for Scout Masters for ten days. The camp was inaugurated on 26th December by Sri Ghulam Mohamed Badsha, P. A. to the Special Officer, District Board, when Sri J. A. Ryan, District Educational Officer, addressed the campers on the value of Scout training. The campers were given practical training in Scoutcraft, pioneering, first aid, signalling, organisation and administration of Scout Groups. Sri K. Venkataswami Naidu, State Chief Commissioner, and Sri V. S. Ratnasabhapathy, State Secretary paid an official visit to the camp on the 4th Jan. '58 and spent the evening with the campers. There was a display of activities, including a practical demonstration of signalling tower, multi-purpose rack, flag staff, tripod stand, rope bridge and model tent. The State Secretary who addressed the campers

stressed on the importance of Scout training to the youngsters and exhorted the trainees to impart the training which they received in the camp to others thus making them useful citizens and men of character. The State Chief Commissioner in his speech congratulated the officers on the excellent conduct of the Camp, and appreciated the various interesting items given by the campers. He said that as leaders of boys, the campers should do their best to spread the high ideals of the Scout Movement among the Scouts and make them efficient.

**Camp Officer:** Sri R. Messiah Doss, A. D. C. C., State Organising Commissioner, Bharat Scouts and Guides, Madras State.

**Asst. Camp Officer:** Sri D. S. Gururaj, District Commissioner (Scouts).

Sri L. Sreeraman, District Scout Superintendent.

Avadi }  
6-1-1958 }

**D. S. GURURAJ,**  
*Camp Secretary & District Commissioner (Ag.)*

## NILGIRIS

### Address to Rovers

Sri C. Govindan, District Commissioner (Scouts) presiding Sri R. Messiah Doss, State Organising Commissioner addressed the Ootacamund Rovers at the Y.M.C.A. Ootacamund on Tuesday evening. He said that the members of the crew who belonged to the brotherhood of the open air and service, should equip themselves fully so as to be useful to their followers. He suggested that the Ooty Rovers might act as Guides to the tourists who visit the Hill station and also educate the people in road sense.

Sri M. S. Swamidoss, Rover Scout leader welcomed the gathering and Sri V. P. Ramaswami, District Secretary proposed a vote of thanks.

The First anniversary of the Melur Cub pack, Coonoor, was celebrated last evening under the presidency of Mrs. R. E. Maclaine Clarke, District Commissioner, (Guides) Nilgiris District. The report presented by Sri J. Samuel, Cubmaster showed an all round activity. Sri R. Messiah Doss, State Organising Commissioner and Sri V. P. Ramaswami, District Secretary addressed the Cubs and the parents. Mrs. Maclaine Clarke in her speech congratulated the Cubs and the Cub Master, on their

excellent progress and advised the Cubs to be neat and clean, punctual, obedient, cheerful and enjoy Cubbing.

There was a grand display of activities which was very much appreciated. The Assistant Cubmaster proposed a vote of thanks.

## TIRUCHIRAPALLI

### The E. R. Hindu Elementary School Renga Cub Pack

#### One Day Camp

Cubs and Scouters numbering fifty, belonging to the Renga Cub Pack, E. R. Hindu Elementary School, Tiruchirappalli had their one day camp in Koodappalli Estate 8 miles from Tiruchy. They had full day cub activities from morning to evening under the guidance of Sri T. R. Srinivasan, Cubmaster. In the evening there was an entertainment presided over by Sri N. Sadasivam, B.A., L.T. Superintendent of the above School. Sri K. V. Rethnam, District Scout Secretary and Sri M. A. Sundararajan, Rover Scout Leader participated in the camp activities. Our heart-felt thanks are due to Sri M. Sivagurunatha Pillai, Koodappalli Estate, who was our host.

## COIMBATORE

### Association Report for the Year 1956-57

Sri S. Arulanandam, Secretary of the Association has submitted a Report of activi-

ties for the year which mentions among other events, the successful running of a Patrol Leaders Training Camp at Perur for 92 boys representing 12 Troops.

A Scoutmasters' Training Camp was also run which was attended by 40 Campers from the District Board Schools. A successful Guiders Club is being run under the leadership of the District Commissioner (Guides), Mrs. I. Roy Chatterjee assisted by her Asst. District Commissioner (Guides) Mrs. G. Arulanan-dam.

The membership of the Association is 56 which includes one Patron and 8 Life Members. The list of important events where service was rendered is also given. Mention may be made of the help rendered in Road Sense Campaign organised by the Police in Coimbatore and also the Fire Prevention Week organised by the District Fire Officer.

Sri T. R. Sundaram Pillai has rendered valuable services to the Organisation in his capacity as District Commissioner (Scouts) with the help and assistance of his colleague Sri T. Raja Iyengar. Special mention is made in the report of the support given by Sri V. C. Subbiah Gounder, Asst. State Commissioner to the Organisation. Mrs. Jesudasan was the Joint Secretary.

The strength of the Organisation, is 2,779 of all ranks of both the sections. It is their hope that the coming year, will see greater progress.

Under the auspices of the above Association, a meeting of the Executive Committee was held on Saturday the 14-12-57 at the Junior Red Cross Building at 5-30 p.m. in order to elect the Office-bearers of the Association for the next year. The meeting was presided over by Sri V. C. Subbayya Gounder, Asst. State Commissioner. Sri Messiah Doss, the newly appointed State Organising Commissioner for the Western Region was also present. He introduced Sri T. M. Kumaraswamy, the newly appointed District Commissioner to the audience. He addressed the members and observed that the Association should care more for efficiency than for the mere strength of the movement in the District. The following Office-bearers were elected for the following year:—

President: Sri T. N. Lakshminarayana, I. A. S., District Collector, Coimbatore.

Vice-President: 1. Sri T. T. Rathnasabhapathy Pillai, B.A., B.L., 2. Sri N. Mahalingam, B.Sc., M.L.A., 3. Mrs. Savithri Shanmugam, M.L.A., 4. Mrs. Rajeswari Ramakrishnan, B.Sc.

Chairman (of the Executive Committee) Mrs. I. Roy Chatterji, District Commissioner for Girl Guides.

Vice-Chairman (of the Executive Committee) Sri T. M. Kumaraswamy, District Commissioner (Scouts).

Secretary: Sri A. M. Venkata Rangan, B.A., L.T.

Joint Secretary: Mrs. M. P. Jesudasan.

Treasurer: Mr. A. W. Harcourt, B.A., L.T.

Quarter Master & Badge Secretary: Sri S. Ramakrishnan.

The Divisional Inspector of Schools and the Municipal Educational Officer, Coimbatore were co-opted as members of the Executive Committee.

**A. M. VENKATA RANGAM**

*Secretary.*

### **TANJORE LOCAL ASSOCIATION**

We acknowledge the receipt of the Report of the Tanjore Local Association for the year 1st July, '56 to 30th June, '57 which is a record of useful work done during the year under report.

The Association maintains a regular Office in Sundaresa-  
boi Chattram in Tanjore. Assistance given by Sri Isaac Thangasamy, Principal, Isaac School of Commerce and Sri R. Ramanathan, Merchant, Tanjore for running the Office is duly acknowledged with thanks. In the matter of Finance, the report pays a tribute to Sri A. Y. S. Paritham, M.L.A., Chairman, Municipal Council, Tanjore, for his liberal contribution and for his leadership as the District Commissioner of the District.

The Association maintains a good library. A contingent of 5 Second Class Scouts participated in the All India Jamboree held at Jaipur. The services they had undertaken during the year is listed month-wise. Mr. V. Akshayam, Secretary, Mr. G. Thiagarajan, Asst. Secretary of the Association and his colleagues who have helped in maintaining the progress of this Association deserves praise. Sri K. S. Seshadri, Assistant State Commissioner has been their Guide and helper in all their activities. We wish the Association greater success in the coming year.

## PEN FRIENDS

Very often we receive requests from the Scouts and Guides of foreign countries for a list of pen friends. In the absence of an up-to-date list of our Scouts and Guides who wish to have such pen Friendship, we find it difficult to accede to their request, says the Joint National Secretary Mrs. S. Patwardhan. She has asked for a list of Scouts as well as of Guides who wish to have pen friends in other countries. Therefore please send the following information to the State Headquarters, Madras :—

1. Name (in block letters)
  2. Age
  3. Address
  4. Rank
  5. Hobbies
  6. Language through which he/she can correspond.
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## Shri R. K. SIDHWA PASSES AWAY

We are very much grieved to inform you about the sad demise of Shri R. K. Sidhwa, Vice-President of the National Council of the Bharat Scouts and Guides and the State Council of the Bombay State Bharat Scouts and Guides.

Mr. Sidhwa was a former Mayor of Karachi. He had a keen interest in trade union, civic and political affairs of Sind before partition. He was a member of India's Constituent Assembly and of the first Parliament after Independence.

We have lost a sincere friend and a patron in him. The Bharat Scouts and Guides puts on record its sincere feelings of gratitude for all that he has done for the Movement. May his soul rest in peace !

MRS. PATWARDHAN  
*Joint National Secretary*

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# The Bharat Scouts & Guides

## NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

Post Box 127

Regal Bldg., Parliament Street,  
New Delhi, December 23, 1957

Circular 40/57

To

The State Secretaries,  
The Bharat Scouts and Guides,  
Indian Union.

Dear Friend,

**Subject :- CONTRIBUTION TO B.P. CENTENARY FUND**

I am sure you are aware of a fund called the "B.P. Centenary Fund" started in the Centenary Year. This is a special fund that has been established by the Boy Scouts International Bureau with the approval of the International Committee to enable the Bureau to expand the services it can render to the world Scout Movement.

The main purpose of this Fund is to help the development of Scouting in the underdeveloped parts of the world. The need for expanding the movement is being increasingly felt by the Bureau. The registration fee which each member country pays every year is hardly sufficient to keep the office of the Bureau going. The Bureau feels it can render more valuable help to all the members, and the conference also, if it had the necessary resources. Information and publicity material could be made available in plenty and closer relations between countries could be fostered in many practical ways. An appeal has, therefore, been made by the Boy Scouts International Bureau to all the member countries and, through them, to all the Scouts to do all they can to support this Fund either by contributing themselves or by interesting public men and women in this unique international movement. Many countries of the world, even though they have their own financial problems, have contributed liberally to this Fund. India has not yet made any collective contribution as such though certain individuals have paid directly.

This came up for consideration at the last meeting of the National Executive Committee held in New Delhi on 3rd November, 1957, and then it was decided that India should

contribute Rs. 5,000/- towards this Fund and that efforts should be made to collect this amount by *appealing to Scouts to contribute 6 Naye Paise per head.*

The National Commissioner desires me to apprise you of the above decision of the National Executive Committee and to request you to inform all the Scouts (including Commissioners) in your State to make an earnest effort towards collecting contributions towards this Fund.

We shall announce our total contributions from all the States on the 22nd February, 1958, which is "B P. Day" and we would much appreciate if you could see that all contributions towards this Fund are received at the office of the National Headquarters latest by *18th February, 1958.*

Thanking you for your co-operation,

Yours sincerely,  
K. G. VAIDYANATHAN  
*National Secretary*

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## SEA SCOUTS' PLEA

Madras, Dec. 20: Group Leader A. C. Alavander of the East Madras Bharat Scouts and Guides and his members, who recently went on a cycle hike to Mysore and back covering 600 miles, were entertained by the State Chief Commissioner, Mr. K. Venkataswami Nayudu, on Sunday, 5-1-58.

Mr. Venkataswami Nayudu congratulated the party on their spirit of adventure and for their smartness and discipline.

Mr. Alavander thanked the Commissioner for the honour, and assured him that they would always do their best in the field of Sea Scouting. He requested the Commissioner to secure for them the land near the Cooum Lock permanently assigned to them, so that the Sea Scouts could erect their own building.

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## What does your Commissioner Expect ?

**W**HEN visiting the Pack your Commissioner expects to find evidence of real "Pack Spirit" (fun and enjoyment, friendliness, courtesy, discipline), that the appearance of the Guides & Brownies that the promise and Law is taking its rightful place in the life of the Pack; that the Guiders make full use of outdoor facilities; that the Pow-wow is an integral part of the Pack; that the Brownies not only enjoy Ceremonies but that they share in making them up; that Test Work is practically interesting to the Brownies and of a high standard; that the Pack records are fully and well kept and that contact with the Guide Company is good. Check over these points and decide what your answer would be if you were the Commissioner visiting the Pack ?

The Commissioner visiting the Guide Company will expect to find real "Company Spirit" (fun and enjoyment, discipline, friendliness, courtesy); that regular meeting of the Patrol-in-council and Court of Honour are held; that the Patrol Leaders are

being trained; that the Promise and Law takes its rightful place in the company life; that interest in International Guiding is being encouraged, that the programme is well balanced and interesting; that good, interesting teaching is being given; that tests are of a high standard, taking into consideration the effort of the Guide; that the Guides are getting on with 2nd & 1st Class; that the neatness and posture of the Guiders and Guides leave nothing to be desired; that the standard of Patrol Drill is all that it should be that the Captain and Lieutenant work together; that Company Records (Register Accounts - audited annually by the L. A's Hon. Auditor - Court of Honour Minutes, Programme Book, etc) are well kept; that that contacts with Brownies and Rangers are good and the Guiders invited to the Court of Honour from time to time; that one or both of the Guiders has or is working towards a camping qualification, In your Commissioner's place what comments would you make under each heading ?

**'THE WARATAH'**

# The Spirit of the Jamboree

By

J. S. WILSON, C.M.G., O.B.E.,  
*Hon. President, International Committee*

Sutton Park,  
 Warwickshire, U.K.

I write the day after the Jamboree—Indaba—Moot was closed and before the 16th International Conference at Cambridge started. There is not time to go into details and I confine myself to broad issues and to what seemed to me to be the atmosphere and the value of the Centenary Jubilee Celebration.

**B**Y some the twelve days have been named the period of Jamborain. It is true that the rainfall exceeded in volume and duration anything, that I have experienced at a World Jamboree or World Rover Moot. All have had their share of it but it would appear that our Founder B.P., was not the only Baden Master in the Scout Movement. The severe thunder storm on 5th August and the subsequent deluges of rain right up to, but not including, the final day did not damp anyone's spirits. The reports of thousands of Scouts being evacuated from Sutton Park were based on wild rumours and no ascertained facts. I rather believe that the thunder-storm raised the spirit of the Scouts and certainly provided them with an opportunity to get to know each other and to help each other more intensively.

Many stories could be told but there is no space. I take only one as an example. A small Scout was seen in a soaked and muddled condition in one of the worst parts of the camp. A solicitous Scouter tucked him under his arm and was proposing to carry him to a marquee—he was that small. A cry of protest arrested him. "I'm not a rescued, I'm a Rescuer". The Scout returned to his labour of service in the mud. The Scouter went on, having seen a star.

Rather would I call it the Jamboree of all sorts; all sorts of weather, all sections of Scouting, Scouts, Rovers, Scouters, including Lady Cubmasters, Companions of the International Fellowship of former Scouts and Guides, all were represented in the Jamboree-Indaba-Moot; all sorts of activities; all sorts.

of support, local, national, international, Royal, political, commercial and, I hope, satisfactorily financial; all sorts of activities and displays; all sorts of campcraft and camp decorations. in which the northern half of the Vogelensang of Sub-Camp seemed to excel.

The Queen's Day on Saturday, 3rd August, was a thrill to all and the first time that a reigning monarch had graced a World Scout gathering in Great Britain with his or her presence. Her Majesty played her part nobly and was ably supported by H. R. H. Prince Philip, whose keenness and desire for knowledge caused him to stray occasionally from the set path. He proved again that he was an explorer and she that she was a gracious lady.

The opening by H. R. H. the Duke of Gloucester and the visit by the Prime Minister on Saturday 10th August, were other notable occasions, but overshadowed by the Queen's Day and by the World Chief Guide's Day at the end, of which more anon.

The breakfast of pancakes and coffee offered to the whole Indaba and a few special guests by the Canadians was a triumph of organization and ingenuity. To see a line of Chefs from the Federation tossing pancakes to the singing of a highly respected priest was something to be remembered

and would make an admirable scene in a future Gang Show. The Gang Show in Birmingham during the Week was an entertainment and astonishment to many thousands.

Re-unions were the order of the day. I do not refer to the Gilwell Re-union restored to its 33 year-old-place in the Jamboree programme, but to the smaller meetings of twos and threes. I met three Rochester Scouts from the U.S.A. whose fathers had been at the Arrowe Park Jamboree (1929) and to whom I had presented their Eagle Badges when they visited Gilwell Park beforehand. I also had lunch with the "Three Musketeers" who were responsible for the Copenhagen Jamboree (1924) and at which I was Oberdammor. To my tent repaired Bill from Canada and Jack from Tanganyika, brothers who had not met since Arrowe Park. I heard of many others proofs of the fact that golden threads run through the whole of the Jamboree Story from Olympia (1920) to Sutton Park (1957). These threads are still there to be woven into the future story.

In addition to all those camped in Sutton Park some 17,000 other Scouts were in organised camps serviced by Commissioners and other Scouters from the Midland Countries of England. These camps were arranged within a fifteen-mile radius so that

others, not included in national contingents, could have an opportunity of sharing the experiences of those at the Jamboree. The camps, all of which were officially visited impressed by their organization and good spirit. No tribute is too high for the self-sacrificing service of those men, and in many cases their wives, who devoted their holidays to running one of the least glamorous but very valuable aspects of Organization J. I. M.

It is the same for the central organization, for the hospital staff, the working party (I go to Cambridge with no less than two clean shirts for the Conference) the camp police and the fire brigade, whose complaint was that they had not a sufficiency of fires to put out. There are stories of their endeavour to provide opportunities for practice, but I refrain from repeating them? As an ex-Police officer myself I pay an informal tribute to the co-operation and good spirit of the Warwickshire Police. Scouting and Service proved synonymous terms.

And so to the closing talk by Olave, Lady Baden-Powell, World Chief Guide, in the Arena on the night of Monday, 12th August. She summed up the Spirit of J.I.M. and projected our minds into the future. "You go back to your everyday life in the world outside, to your

own country, your own home, your own Group, taking with you some of the happiness and health, the handiness and helpfulness and the spirit of friendship which you have imbibed here, taking it away not just for yourself but in order that you may give it and spread it around you, whoever and wherever you may be ... *Your Founder was one of the happiest of men because he knew the great truth that happiness comes not from what we have but from what we give and what we share .....* Then, when your time comes to go hence, you too, will be able to say: "The end was only the beginning".

Those close to her recalled the voice and messages of her husband, B.P. in his closing talks. She spoke in French as well as in English. The stillness of the tens of thousands listening to her was sufficient tribute. The moment of silence after the Scout Promise had been repeated, by each Scout in his own tongue was itself a promise to do better in the future.

Then the storm broke, the Scouts rushed forward cheering and waving, pent-up emotions were released and arm in arm together the Scouts of the world moved back to their tents singing Jamboree song.

The end had come and the beginning dawned.

"WORLD SCOUTING"

# The First Andhra Pradesh Jambooree

*January, 8th - 14th, '58*

**T**HE first Andhra Pradesh Jamboree of Scouts and Guides was held in the same Race Course grounds in Secunderabad where the First All India National Scout and Guide Jamboree was held in 1953.

Arrangments were made to accommodate 2,000 Scouts and 1,100 Guides from all Districts of Hyderabad, Andhra & Telengana and 100 from the neighbouring States of Madras, Bombay, Mysore and Kerala. But only Mysore and Madras sent contingents and Bombay sent a representative. The double-fly N.C.C. tents provided very good shelter.

The Director of Public Instruction permitted Rs. 14/- per head plus actual to and fro Railway fare and Bus fare from Scouting and Excursion fund in Andhra, and from the 20% games fund in Telengana, for all Scouts/Guides and Scouters and Guiders. So the attendance was nearly 3,000.

There were vegetarian and non-vegetarian meals catered by hotel people at Rs. 2/- per day, besides provision shops, coffee bar, milk canteens and tea shops organised at reasonable rates. Special facilities were given for those contingents who liked to cook their own meals.

As contingents arrived they settled down in their tents, making gadgets, grease pits, gateway etc. The Madras Scout Contingent had an imposing 'Gopuram' gateway. Behind the scenes the Rangers and Rovers shouldered alike heavy responsibilities such as sentry, watch & ward, transport, provision etc.

Scouts and Guides had no time to idle away. Practising for contests, displays, pageants and marching kept every-one occupied. Every morning at 5-0 A.M. each section carried on their physical jerks and warming up exercises. The daily morning and evening parade and marchpast helped to make everyone active and alert and the improvement was remarkable.

The Inauguration of the Jamboree was done by Sri Bhimsen Sachar, Governor of Andhra Pradesh. The displays were enjoyed by the audience. Srimathi Lalitha Sachar was so interested that she came to join the Guides for Camp-fire fun, sitting in the Circle with the Guiders.

The next day Mrs Clubwala Jadhav, the Chief Guide Commissioner of India was met at the airport by the State Commissioner (Guides)

Mrs. Ranji and others. The Guide Commissioners formed the guard of honour when Mrs. Jadhav arrived at the Jamboree grounds - She addressed the gathering.

The General Assembly and Exhibition were opened by Prince Mukkaram Jah Bahadur, the grandson of the Nizam. There was a conference of Guide Commissioners with Mrs. Jadhav and Mrs. Wahabuddin Ahmed, Jt. National Organising Commissioner. Mrs. Ranji gave a lunch party to Guide Commissioners to meet Mrs. Jadhav, the Chief Guest.

Sri V. B. Raju, Minister for Planning, Nawab Mehdi Nawaj Jung Bahadur, Sri B. Gopala Reddy, Minister for Finance were the distinguished guests who presided over the different functions of the Jamboree.

The contests based on Scout/Guide Craft such as Signalling, First Aid, Pioneer-ing, Cooking, Flag-staff construction, improvised shelter, were open to Scouts and Guides alike. There was keen enthusiasm. The monkey-bridge made by Scouts and the trellis bridge made by Guides added much to the amusement of the audience.

The Route march by the Scouts and Guides carrying colours headed by State Band was a very colourful event.

The sight of so many Scouts and Guides with proficiency badges and stars was enough to arouse enthusiasm.

Our first Promise, Duty to God, was stressed in the Jamboree by having a 'Scouts and Guides Own' on Sunday, when the Mayor of Secunderabad presided. Hindu, Parsi, Muslim, and Christian Scriptures were read and prayers were offered. All stressed the fact that 'He who loves God most, serves his fellow-men best'. Visits to Salar Jung Museum, and All India Exhibition were also arranged for Scouts and Guides on Sunday.

The closing function was presided over by the Governor of Andhra Pradesh. The grand march-past was followed by different colourful pageants, which expressed Community spirit. The audience highly appreciated the items which depicted inspiration of an uplifting taste, more than the usual lot of jungly dances that had the value of letting out the steam. Srimathi Lalitha Sachar gave away prizes and awards.

The Jamboree afforded opportunity for making our Brotherhood/Sisterhood a reality to everyone, to check up one's standard, to learn from each other, to make new friends and above all to renew oneself for Service.

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